

STATE CAPITAL GOSSIP

The 1914 Assessment.

The total assessed valuation of real personal property in Oklahoma, aside from property owned by public service corporations, will be approximately \$904,000,000 for 1914, according to estimates made by Frank Orr, secretary of the state board of equalization. The valuation including public service property will reach about \$1,200,000,000, according to present estimates.

The state board of equalization has just completed its work of equalizing the value of property between various counties of the state and sent certificates showing the final assessment figures to the various counties. In about twenty counties however it is possible that protests may be filed with the board asking changes in the equalized valuation as fixed by the state board. Any such complaints will be given a hearing September 12 when changes may be made in a few cases if the board considers such action justifiable. On the following day protests from pipe line companies to the tentative assessments, as made several weeks ago, will be heard.

The total assessed valuation of real and personal property by counties as returned by the various county boards was \$17,000,000 below the returns of 1913. The state board raised the valuations in low counties until it is estimated that the total valuation of property in the state will equal or exceed that of last year. In about sixteen counties of the state the valuation of land was increased while in a number of others almost all classes of property was raised above the valuations as returned to the board. In some of the counties of the state having the most automobiles such property was raised.

Corporations Pay Heavily.

Although final figures have not been compiled indications are that the total receipts from the Oklahoma corporation tax for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, will be approximately \$50,000. This will be a substantial increase over last year.

There are 6,000 private corporations doing business in Oklahoma that are paying the corporation tax. A number of others are not in good standing because of failure to pay the tax and a list of these has been turned over to the attorney general by E. F. McKay, corporation clerk of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, with the request that he bring action to force the collection of the tax.

Only such private corporations as do not pay a gross receipt or gross production tax in Oklahoma are subject to the corporation tax. A tax of 50 cents on each \$1,000 capital stock invested is levied upon domestic corporations and of \$1 on each \$100 of capital stock employed in Oklahoma business against foreign concerns.

An increase in the amount of corporation tax collected indicates a corresponding growth in business of the concerns subject to the assessments and shows that general commercial conditions in Oklahoma are improving.

No Debates in this Primary.

In one respect at least the present campaign for governor has been different from the two preceding. There have been no debates among the candidates. In the first campaign Governor Haskell and Judge Tom Doyle put on a number of joint debates. In the last campaign, four years ago, the various candidates got together in a series of debates on various points. In both campaigns this method appeared very effective in attracting the interest of the voters, and no doubt added to the drawing capacity of the campaign, and consequently to the information of the voters as to the candidates and the issues.

This year there have been several attempts to secure such debates but all without result. Mr. West immediately after his announcement challenged Judge Williams to such a debate, but the judge declined. Later Mr. West asked Judge Robertson to join him in a series of joint discussions, but he likewise declined. The latest attempt to secure such a meeting arose from Judge Williams' speech in Oklahoma City last week as published in the Oklahoman.

State Loses Suit For River Beds.

The United States circuit court of appeals has held that the Creek Indians and not the state of Oklahoma own the river bed of the Arkansas river. This carries with it the right to the scores of big producing oil leases on the Arkansas river. The decision reverses the decision of the federal court which held the state had the title.

Will Get U. S. Money to Move Crop. United States Treasurer McAdoo has notified Hubert L. Bolen, collector of internal revenue for Oklahoma, that Oklahoma City banks will receive immediately \$250,000 government funds to be used in aid of crop movements in Oklahoma. According to the telegram received from Washington, the funds will be distributed with the Security National bank, Stock Yards National bank, American National bank and State National bank. Other banks in principal cities of the state will receive funds also.

Bank Takes Appeal.

The order of the state board of equalization that banks be assessed for the full value of their capital stock, personal property and real estate, and only allowed exceptions thereon for funds invested in public building funds and none other, was made a basis of an appeal to the district court by the American National bank of Oklahoma City. The appeal is taken from the action of the county board of equalization, which had placed the bank's assessment on personal property at \$145,445 prior to the action of the state board. After the state board's order the county board by resolution raised the assessment to \$505,445.

The principal question involved is the taxability of the state funding 4 1/2 per cent series of 1913 bonds. The bank contends that they are non-taxable and that it surrendered state warrants which drew 6 per cent, for those bonds on the state's representation that they were non-taxable. The bank holds \$244,100, also bonds to the amount of \$116,000 of several cities and towns of the state on which it claims exception, and on which the county board allowed the exceptions originally, but reversed itself after the state board's order.

The bank also contends that the county board, after having acted once lost jurisdiction and that the only way the assessment could be changed after the county board had once acted would be by an appeal to the district court.

Making The State Equalization.

The state board of equalization has been having difficulties in performing its work because of the fact that four of its members are candidates for nominations in the primary. Treasurer Dunlop, Attorney General West, Auditor McClelland and Examiner Parkinson were all aspirants for office and several of them did not take kindly to leaving the campaign for any reason. Nevertheless the general equalization of assessments has been accomplished, thus permitting the counties to complete their annual levies, which would otherwise have been impossible, and concerning which there had been considerable apprehension.

The assessment of the general property of the state is excepted to run a little in excess of last year's when finally settled, which will not be until the period for filing protests has passed. This will be in September. It runs in the neighborhood of \$900,000,000. The valuation of the public service corporations added to this will make a total approximating one and one-fifth billions, which is practically a hundred million dollars in excess of the last year's valuation. Hope is held out that the levy necessary will not exceed two and one-half mills.

Sues For Large Sum.

Lucy J. Williams has filed suit in the district court against C. W. Williams and Martin Yates, Jr., of Artesia, N. M., for \$9,782.55 damages, charging that they had secured possession by fraudulent representation of 22,500 shares of stock in the Seven Rivers Oil & Gas Company of Artesia, worth \$11,250.

In the property, which she alleges the total net value to be only \$1,467.45, was 50 shares of stock in the West Packingtown Development Company. This company the plaintiff avers was insolvent at the time of the trade and that the defendants knew such to be the case, yet they represented to her that the company was worth not less than \$20,000 above all indebtedness.

Oklahoma Central Is Reorganized.

In anticipation, it is understood, of the purchase by the Santa Fe of the Chickasha-Lehigh line, J. R. Cottingham, Oklahoman counsel for the former, secured a state charter reorganizing the Oklahoma Central Railroad Company.

Capitalized at \$1,500,000, the new road will have as its incorporators, N. A. Gibson, R. D. Long, W. M. Cutlip, J. A. Latham, and George H. Bessley, all of Muskogee. Principal offices of the road will be in Muskogee, the articles of incorporation said.

The Oklahoma Central was sold at auction at Purcell last week for \$1,000,000.

Capitol Work On With Rush

The State Capitol Commission has advertised for bids for material to be placed in the foundation of the \$1,500,000 capitol now in course of construction here. Sealed bids for material to be used in the re-inforced steel and concrete foundation and sub-basement of the capitol building will be received until 10 a. m., September 2.

The following material will be purchased by the Capitol Commission on the foregoing date: Reinforced steel, 170 tons; cement, 6,000 barrels; sand, 2,500 cubic yards; rock, 5,000 cubic yards; lumber 200,000 feet. A certified check for five per cent of the total amount of the bid must accompany each proposal which is to be forfeited in case the successful bidders fail to carry out their contract.

About fifty men with teams are now at work on the capitol site excavating for the foundation of the building.

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 10-12—Carnival, Temple.
Aug. 12-15—Roping Contest, Cushing.
Aug. 15-22—National Negro Business League, Muskogee.
Sept. 20-Sept. 2—Ryan Fair, Ryan.
Aug. 26-29—Corn Carnival, Caddo.
Sept. 2-4—Soldiers' Reunion, Arapaho.
Sept. 2-15—Jackson County Fair, Blair.
Sept. 7-12—Caddo County Fair, Ardmore.
Sept. 7-12—East Mayes County Fair, Locust Grove.
Sept. 8-10—Caddo County Fair, Blinger.
Sept. 8-10—Photographers' convention, Oklahoma City.
Sept. 9-12—Kingsfisher County Fair, Kingsfisher.
Sept. 9-11—Claremore Fair.
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Sept. 9-12—Greer County Fair, Mangum.
Sept. 14—G. A. R. encampment, Guthrie.
Sept. 14-15—Wah-Shah-She Fair, Pawhuska.
Sept. 15-17—Pottawatomie County Fair, Shawnee.
Sept. 15-18—Pawnee County Fair, Pawnee.
Sept. 15-18—Beckham County Fair, Elk City.
Sept. 15-18—Kay County Fair, Newkirk.
Sept. 15-18—Cimarron Valley Fair, Guthrie.
Sept. 15-16—Celebration Opening Cherokee Strip, Perry.
Sept. 16-18—Haskell County Fair, Stigler.
Sept. 16-18—McIntosh County Fair, Eufaula.
Sept. 16-18—The Sterling Fair, Sterling.
Sept. 16-18—Pittsburg County Fair, McAlester.
Sept. 16-18—Peanut Carnival, Duncan.
Sept. 16-18—Lincoln County Fair, Prague.
Sept. 22-24—Delaware County Fair, Grove.
Sept. 22-Oct. 3—State Fair, Oklahoma City.
Oct. 7-17—Dry Farming Congress, Wichita.
Nov. 3—Indian land sale, McAlester.
Nov. 4—Indian land sale, Wilburton.
Nov. 9—Indian land sale, Poteau.
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Nov. 11-13—Southern Commercial Congress, Muskogee.

Washita Valley bank, Fort Cobb, Okla., with a capital of \$10,000, has deposits of \$96,000.

The First State Bank of Tahlequah, with a capital of \$40,000, has deposits of \$216,000.

Cheyenne proposes to construct a new hotel and become known among the traveling public as the best "Sunday" town in western Oklahoma.

A Woodward citizen, according to the News-Bulletin, was driving a nail when the spike flew and struck his daughter in the eye cutting the eye ball.

The Bank of Mounds with a capital of \$10,000 has deposits of \$105,000. 500 men are needed at Enid to assist in harvesting the broomcorn crop of Garfield county.

The civil service commission advertised for an examination for rural carriers out of Shattuck last week. Thirty applicants have applied for admission to the examination.

New wheat is bringing 70 cents a bushel on the Shattuck market and much of it is changing hands, as much as 7,000 bushels being sold in one day. Broom corn and kafir corn are making big yields and the brush is selling at a good price.

Dr. F. B. Fite has received notice from Secretary McAdoo that Muskogee will receive \$125,000 government funds to be used to aid in moving Oklahoma crops. The money will be distributed among seven banks and remain in Oklahoma until next winter.

Ground has been broken at Ringling for the erection of a two-story business building to be owned by the First National bank. The first floor will be occupied by the bank, while the second will be cut up into business offices. The material for the building is on the ground.

Chairman Arthur H. Geisler announced that the republican state campaign will begin immediately and that an aggressive campaign will be made in every county of the state. The campaign was opened by John Fields, nominee for governor, at Chandler on the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 3.

Farmers of Canadian county are making extensive plans to participate in the Canadian county fair to be held on September 16, 17 and 18. From the great interest being manifested this year a record breaking attendance and an unusually large number of entrants for the various prizes are expected.

In spite of the unfavorable season and the shortage of rainfall in western Oklahoma, the broomcorn crop is doing well. Throughout Ellis county the crop yield will be good. In Beaver, Harper and Woodward counties the dry weather has been broken a number of times within the last few weeks. The crops of broomcorn and kafir in the three counties will be large.

As the result of throwing a lighted match into the grass, a farmer a few miles east of Guthrie started a fire which burned several hundred acres of pasture and hay land. Twenty men fought the fire for several hours before it was under control, while the man with the match ran away and left the others to fight the fire he had started.

A new figure in Oklahoma oil development is J. M. Sullivan of New York City, brother of the late Big Tim Sullivan of New York. The brother was also a member of Tammany hall and is well known in New York city political circles. He has been in Oklahoma looking for an opportunity to break into the oil game for the past six months and only recently he came to the Healdton field.

Crockett Williams, negro, held in the jail at Eufaula, charged with the murder of Johnson King, Indian, was taken from the jail and lynched.

IN ALL LANDS
CONCISE REVIEW
OF WEEK'S NEWS

Washington.

President Wilson has nominated Representative Andrew J. Peters of Boston to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

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After a conference with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, announced that measures must be adopted to produce revenues for the government, since the income from foreign duties had been so sharply reduced by the falling off of imports on account of war.

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The Newlands bill to create a federal trade commission, first of the three administration anti-trust measures, has passed the senate by a vote of 53 to 16. The bill differs radically from the measure as it passed the house, which probably will ask for a conference.

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The Adamson general dam bill to authorize federal permits for dams on navigable streams for power purposes, limited to terms of fifty years, was passed by the house by a vote of 187 to 45.

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Confirmation of Paul M. Warburg of New York and Frederic A. Delano of Chicago to complete the federal reserve board has been recommended by the senate banking committee.

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Postmaster General Burleson has completed temporary arrangements for handling mail for Europe under conditions imposed by the war. At least one mail to Europe each week would be assured by vessels of the American line in the event all the big German, English and French ships were taken from service. Ships flying the Italian, Dutch, Norwegian or Swedish flags would be available at times to carry the Atlantic mails.

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Secretary Garrison has issued a statement announcing that President Wilson had approved the relief plan worked out by his cabinet officers. He said Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge, a number of army officers and officials of the treasury department would sail on the Tennessee at once to handle the government funds and arrange for transportation of Americans.

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A bill to exclude from readmission into the United States all aliens who leave to engage in a foreign war has been introduced by Representative Harrison of Mississippi.

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President Wilson has flatly turned down a request by Republican leaders of the senate that in view of the danger to business in the United States growing out of the European war the pending trust legislation program be postponed until the next session of congress.

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Twenty-two naval auxiliary vessels ranging in tonnage from six to 19,000 tons, will be placed in the foreign trade of the United States by the passage of the Weeks bill by the senate.

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Domestic Items.

A northbound passenger train on the Kansas City Southern, leaving Neosho about 5:30 p. m., collided head-on with a Missouri & North Arkansas motor car, southbound, eight miles north of Neosho. The gasoline tank of the motor car exploded setting fire to the car. It is estimated that thirty-five passengers were burned to death and twenty-four others injured.

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Postmaster General Burleson has canceled Trans-Atlantic mail contracts with British steamers leaving United States, Holland and Sweden as the only nations carrying United States mails.

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The great European war just beginning may delay the opening of the Panama canal. The fact that the canal is not yet opened is the cause of satisfaction here as long as the country is not at war and not going to war.

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A threshing engine exploded at the farm of H. O. Williams, four and one-half miles southwest of Wymore, Neb., probably fatally scalding Leroy McKee and injuring one of the water haulers named Lytle. The fire was blown from the front of the engine, setting fire to the separator.

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Figures so far received from the Kansas primary election indicate that Curtis has been nominated for United States senator by a safe plurality. The race between Neely and Farrelly, Democrats, is very close.

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Managers of 98 western railroads have agreed to accept the mediation proposal of the federal board to avert the threatened strike of 55,000 employees. The plan of the board is to arbitrate solely on the question of the men's demand for increased wages.

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The Mid-Continent oil field will feel the effects of the war. An order from the Prairie Oil & Gas Company says only 60 per cent of the production of leases will be taken. The order will stand as long as the trouble lasts in Europe.



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Maria had been naughty and mother, seriously remonstrating with her, thought to press home a needed suggestion.

"I can't think why you persist in doing wrong, my dear," she said, solemnly. "It always makes us unhappy when we do wrong."

"But—but I often don't know it's wrong till I've done it," sighed the small culprit.

"But," mother urged again, "you should know, my darling. Your conscience will tell you if you listen."

"What is my conscience and how will it tell me?" wide-eyed and eager.

"Your conscience is the little voice inside you that says 'No!' when you shouldn't do things and makes you feel sorry when you've made mistakes."

"Oh, then I'll never be good!" mourned the troubled sinner. "I had a voice like that once, but nurse said it was indigestion and she gave me some medicine and it died."

—Reprieve Angers a Murderer.

An unusual scene was enacted at Versailles (France) jail recently, when the public prosecutor went to inform two murderers that their death sentences had been commuted to penal servitude for life.

One, Joseph Brugen, received the news joyfully, but the other, Louis Louis, exclaimed: "What, you asked the jury for my head, and now you come to torture me by a reprieve? I do not want it; I must have liberty or the guillotine. I won't go to the galley at any price."

So saying he rushed upon the public prosecutor, seized him by the throat and endeavored to strangle him. The keeper had great difficulty in releasing the official and putting the convict in a strait jacket.

False Alarm.

Truth came up out of her well one day with so mercurial a look in her eye that disquieting rumors sprang into circulation. Was she about to take over the dominion of the world?

A group of gentlemen made haste to bustle up. "Ma'am! Ma'am!" they protested, breathlessly.

"Well, who are you?" demanded Truth, with ominous coldness. "Publishers, if you please, ma'am. Er—the advance notices of our books, you know—er—er. In short, ma'am, we need the money!" stammered the gentlemen, in much confusion.

It was impossible not to feel a certain compassion for them. "Well, we'll see what can be done," said Truth, not unkindly.

NEW IDEA

Helped Wisconsin Couple.

It doesn't pay to stick too closely to old notions of things. New ideas often lead to better health, success and happiness.

A Wis. couple examined an idea new to them and stepped up several rounds on the health ladder. The husband writes:

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The Dear Girls.
"He seems determined to kiss me," remarked the girl who was blushing for a compliment. "I won't why?"
"Hard to tell," said the older girl. "This is the season for freak bets."

Newspaper stereotypes use Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh for relief from splashing metal burns. Adv.

When Comparison is Odious.
"Why, say, a man's as safe in Mexico as he is in Chicago."
"Is it as bad as all that?"—Life.

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An Oklahoma Case

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